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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 943
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A RESOLUTION to create a special joint committee to study
issues relative to intermediate care facilities for
persons with mental retardation (ICFs/MR).

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED
SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE
CONCURRING, That there is created a special joint committee to study the need for placement
of additional beds at private community-based, not-for-profit ICF/MR facilities and to make
appropriate legislative proposals to implement any recommendations the committee determines
to be beneficial to the State of Tennessee and its citizens. The committee shall specifically
consider the necessity of adding beds to certain facilities in light of the costs of such additions.
The committee shall also study whether additional capacity should be added to other forms of
housing, such as supported living, and the effects of changes on developmental disability
centers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall consist of ten (10)
legislative members. The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint five (5)

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legislative members from the membership of the house health and human resources committee and the house finance, ways and means committee. The speaker of the senate shall appoint five (5) legislative members from the membership of the senate general welfare, health and human resources committee and the senate finance, ways and means committee. The committee shall be convened by the legislative member with the most years of continuous service in the general assembly, and at its organizational meeting shall elect from among its membership, a chair, vice-chair and such other officers as it may deem necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the department of health, the department of mental health and developmental disabilities and the division of mental retardation services shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the general assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the general assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the One Hundred Third General Assembly no later than February 15, 2003, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.